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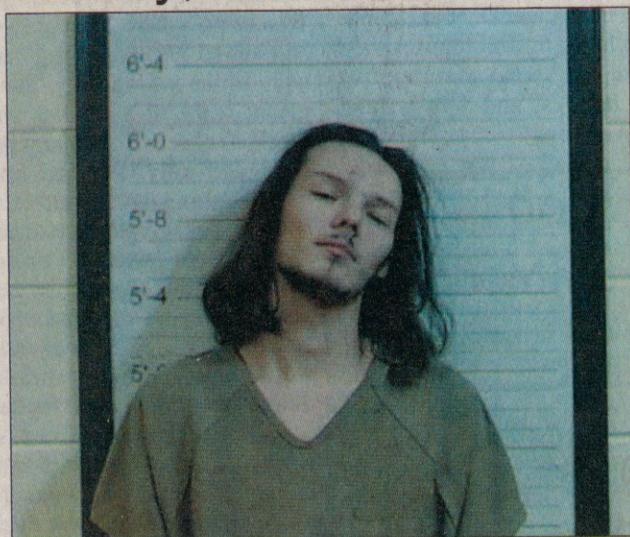
Nephew arrested and charged with murder

## Jack, Alabama man dies from gunshot wounds in Saturday, Oct. 19, incident

An early morning shooting Saturday, Oct. 19, claimed the life of a Jack, Ala. man, and his victim's nephew has since been arrested and charged with murder.

According to Sheriff Scott Byrd, deputies with his office responded early last Saturday to a call in the 2000 block of Coffee County Road 114, Jack, in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival on scene, he said deputies found Jeremy Morgan, age 40, of Jack, deceased inside the residence. The apparent cause of death was gunshot wounds.

On Monday, Oct. 21, Coffee County investigators presented information on this case to 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, and a warrant was



Jackson Kaine Morgan of Luverne, Ala. currently is in the Coffee County Jail charged with murder in the alleged shooting of his uncle Jeremy Morgan of Jack, Ala.

Jackson Morgan is being held with no bond at this time.

## Elba man arrested on an attempted murder charge in stabbing incident

An Elba man faces an attempted murder charge after an apparent stabbing incident last weekend.

Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd said his deputies responded Saturday, Oct. 19, to a call of a victim suffering from multiple stab wounds, located in the 100 block of Coffee County Road 257, New Brockton, Ala. Reportedly, after deputies made contact with the victim, the assailant was identified as Lonzo Head, age 59, of Elba, Ala.

Sheriff Byrd said Head was arrested a short time later by deputies. He was charged with attempted murder and placed in the Coffee County Jail. His bond was set at \$75,000 in this case.



Lonzo Head

## Elba Parks and Rec football teams qualify for upcoming Pea River Youth League playoffs

The Elba Parks and Recreation's little league football and cheer season is nearing the playoffs, and Parks and Rec director Greg Hanchey reports that all three Elba teams - Mini Mites, Termites and Pee Wee - will make the playoffs for the Pea River Recreation League.

Currently with a record of 6-0, the Elba Mini Mites team has secured the first place seed for the playoffs, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

"Our Termite and Pee Wee teams control their

own destiny for a top seed," Hanchey said this week. "This Saturday, Oct. 26, will be the final week of regular season play."

The Elba Termite team heads into Saturday's game with a 5-1 overall record tied with Goshen for the top spot on the playoff bracket.

The Pee Wee team also is 6-0 heading into the final regular season game. They are tied with Daleville for that top spot heading into the final week of the regular season.

"We are excited to host the football playoffs and cheer competitions for the

Pea River League in Elba on Saturday, Nov. 2," Hanchey said. "Games will begin that day at 12 noon at Tiger Stadium."

He said the official pairings for the Nov. 2nd playoffs would be released after this Saturday's games.

The Superbowl for the league will be Saturday, Nov. 9, at Zion Chapel with games beginning that day at 9:30 a.m.

"We have had an exciting season for all our rec teams, and I hope all Elba fans will come out the next few weeks to support these young Tigers," Hanchey said.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH...On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the New Hope Senior Center celebrated one of its own breast cancer survivors, Mrs. Tommie Ortega (shown seated in the photo). She was presented with a gift bag "everything pink". The seniors and staff at the New Hope Senior Center are so thankful to have a "survivor" among them and are proud to be able to celebrate her. "We salute all those that have survived breast cancer," said center director Conzuela Banks. Several of the seniors from the center are pictured with Mrs. Ortega.



ELBA BOE APPROVES CONTRACT WITH NEW SUPERINTENDENT...During the board's regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 22, Elba Board of Education members voted to approve a contract with new superintendent Donny Powell. The contract is for 2 years and 8 months, which aligns its expiration with the end of the regular school term. Powell officially will begin work as Elba's next superintendent of schools on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. Also, during the meeting, board members approved a new three-year contract with Valiee McKelvy, chief financial officer of Elba City Schools. Above, the new superintendent is pictured with school board members. From left: Kristy Astemborski, Johnny Senn, superintendent Donny Powell, Debra Clark, Miranda Russell, and DeAnn Grantham.



Elba City Schools students Keelie Moseley, junior, and Taylor Day, sophomore, recently represented Elba and the State of Alabama at the FCCLA Fall Leadership Training at the Disney Leadership Institute in Florida. While there they not only enhanced their leadership skills, but they also networked and collaborated with FCCLA members from across Alabama and other states. Moseley and Day said their experience at Disney was filled with valuable lessons and connections that will strengthen Elba's FCCLA chapter and the community. The two students were accompanied on the trip by Elba Career Academy director Christina Morgan. Keelie and Taylor are pictured above enjoying their time at Disney Leadership Institute.

## Elba's Pumpkins on the Square event set for Thursday, Oct. 31st

Halloween kicks off in force Thursday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m. in Elba for one of the Wiregrass area's most fun fall events. For one evening only, Elba hosts Pumpkins on the Square a Halloween extravaganza round the square.

The event is presented by the City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce. It is made possible thanks to the support of Chamber member local businesses, churches and organizations.

"You're invited to dress up your little ones, don a costume of your own, trick-or-treat at the ultimate neighborhood—Elba's Court Square—come and join the block party at Pumpkins on the Square beginning at 6:30," said Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams. "Pumpkins on the Square is a family-focused event where neighbors can meet fellow neighbors and have Trick-or-Treat fun in a safe environment. It is inspiring to work with our business community, organizations, and churches that are all dedicated to helping make trick or treat a safe event for area children."

The City and the Chamber of Commerce invites families to come early to shop and dine before joining the party.

This year's festival will include decorated tables scattered around the Square sponsored by civic groups, business folks, and church groups all distributing free candy. Offerings of other fun activities for the whole family to enjoy will also be available.

There will be events such as the Hayride, jumpy houses, Marley Acres Petting Zoo, and the costume contest. The Coffee County Extension Service's Farm City Committee will again sponsor free locally grown boiled peanuts. Other vendors and businesses and food trucks will have offerings around Court Square. And there will be live music. Businesses, churches and organizations giving out treats to local children should bring their own tables and set-up anywhere they would like around Court Square. Children will trick or treat at the tables along the sidewalks and on the Courthouse grounds.

Event admission is free. Parking is free. For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce 334-897-3125.

## EDITORIAL

## Alabama health organizations encourage citizens to ask their physicians about immunizations this fall and winter

The Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Hospital Association, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama are encouraging Alabamians to ask their physician about the flu shot and other vaccines as a part of a statewide Ask Your Doctor campaign.

Helpful information and additional resources can be found at [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html).

Several vaccines are being recommended this year to help avoid respiratory illnesses. Each type is designed to work with your immune

system to fight off certain kinds of germs and the serious diseases they cause.

Vaccines to discuss with your physician include the following:

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## Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, through Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center.

**Tuesday, Oct. 15** – Vandalism reported at 5312 Hwy 84 (9:05 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 1649 Boswell St (10:20 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (4:05 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1400 Jones St (4:41 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two citations, and two written warnings.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16** – Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (9:57 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 1313 Hwy 84 and Smith Ave (3:27 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1104 Caroline St (7:52 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1281 Neil Grantham Dr (9:35 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 189 at the Elba City Limits (9:48 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, two citations, and three written warnings.

**Thursday, Oct. 17** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 144 Hwy 203 (12:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 144 Hwy 203 (3:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1523 Highland Dr (8:05 a.m.);

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## Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Elementary School is celebrating Red Ribbon Week – a campaign that places emphasis on living a drug-free life. As part of the celebration, the students and teachers enjoy themed 'dress up' days throughout the week. Tuesday just happened to be camouflage day when a young deer decided to bust through a window at the elementary school and run down the hallways! Some of the school staff were able to follow the little guy/gal down one hallway and eventually open a door letting him/her escape back outdoors. A video showed the deer promptly making a return to the woods. The deer appeared to somehow escape the little misadventure unharmed. Our guess is it was the 'talk of the day' for the remainder of Tuesday at the school, and camo dress up days will never be quite the same again at EES!

We've seen the stories and videos of Vice President Kamala Harris at a recent presidential campaign rally in Wisconsin where she told some folks in the crowd that had yelled "Jesus is King" and "Christ is Lord" that they were at the wrong rally. She further said they must have meant to be at a smaller gathering down the road. She received cheers from many in the crowd at her presidential campaign rally. We had hoped this would turn out to be something taken out of context because we do not want to believe any presidential candidate for the United States would have said or done such a thing. But...alas, it appears the reports are accurate. As a Christian, we, personally, find this unacceptable behavior. Our guess is Harris responded the way she did because she felt like it would gain approval from the majority in the crowd for that campaign rally, but for her to want to gain cheers from others by denying the Lord blows our mind. We must not forget...this nation was founded on Christian values and beliefs. While it has seemed to grow further and further away from those values over the years, the bottom line is Jesus is King for Christians! To imply otherwise is to mock Christianity and those who are believers. That is just not appropriate for a presidential candidate in our opinion. Harris is human and we all make mistakes...we just pray this was a mistake on her part that particular day, and she truly did not understand what had been said.

Three local volleyball teams from the area reached the "playoffs" for girl's high school volleyball. The girls from Elba, Kinston and Brantley are competing this week in the AHSAA Regional tournament. All three teams are in Class 1A. We wish the young ladies "good luck" as they represent their schools and communities at the volleyball tournament.

While Elba will play host to the annual Pumpkins on the Square event Thursday, Oct. 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m., city officials also last week designated a time for neighborhood door-to-door trick-or-treating. Many had indicated they enjoy having a time for the old-fashioned door-to-door trick-or-treating for their children separate from the Pumpkins on the Square event, and city officials listened to those requests to designate a separate time.

We applaud them for listening to the community and providing a time for all to enjoy. Some may do one or the other while most will participate in both...either way, the Elba officials opened the door for everyone. We support that decision. As a matter of fact, we too enjoy the door-to-door part as we love seeing the youngsters dressed in costume and having a good time! We, again, this year will be passing out candy, and freshly popped popcorn at our Elba home...and, we are adding cotton candy to our treats this year! The machine is ordered and should be ready to go this upcoming Saturday, Oct. 26, for the neighborhood door-to-door trick-or-treating! The designated time is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. As for the new cotton candy making machine, we feel like we will have to give it a "trial run" before Saturday so our blood sugar may be running a bit high by week's end!

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• Seasonal Influenza (Flu) - It is recommended that all individuals 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, get an annual flu vaccination. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. Those 65 years of age and older are recommended to have one of several specific flu vaccines designed for this age group and are encouraged to ask their vaccination site for more details.

• RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) - RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an RSV vaccine for all adults over age 75, those from ages 60-74 with certain health conditions, and pregnant women between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy. RSV immunization is also recommended for all infants up to 9 months if the vaccine was not given during pregnancy and some infants and children up to age 23 months.

• Pneumonia - Pneumococcal disease can affect those of any age. However, young children and older adults are at risk for

serious illness and death due to this disease. The CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for all children younger than 5 years old and all adults 65 years or older. Even if you have received a pneumococcal vaccine in the past you may be due for an updated vaccine.

• COVID-19 - It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older get an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine. Infants, children under age 5, and people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have specific recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines. Please contact your health care professional, preferred local vaccination site such as a pharmacy, or local county health department for 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine information and availability.

The statewide organizations also want to remind the public that simple hygiene efforts, such as washing your hands, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and staying home when you're sick can also help protect against these infectious diseases.

To learn more and for other helpful resources go to <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html> But, again, the best recommendation we can give is to check with your doctor to see what you need to keep you healthy.

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## CLARA ANN DYESS

Mrs. Clara Ann Dyess, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, at her home in Elba.

Mrs. Dyess was an educator of over 50 years with her tenure extending into the new school building at Elba. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, and time spent with her family at their place of the beach.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at 3 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, from 2-3 p.m. Survivors include her sons: Johnny Dyess, and Tim Dyess, both of Elba; granddaughter: Bethany (Hunter) Norris, Montgomery, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Hayden Norris, Montgomery; and her sister: Mary Ann (Grover) Jacobs, also of Montgomery.

## ANNIE JEWELL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Annie Jewell Williams, age 81, of Brantley, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Jimmy Williams and Rev. Tracy Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Veasey Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include her daughter: Kim Bane, Brantley, Ala.; granddaughters: Amy (Kasper) Taylor, and Amber (Cody) Little, both of Brantley; grandson: Coby (Amber) Wicker, Brantley; and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Powell was preceded in death by her parents, Mark and Annie Pearl Golden Tate. Survivors include her

daughter: Cheryl Ann; her son: Matthew G. Kyle (Anne); two grandchildren, Gabriel and Isabella; a brother, Compton Wayne Cooper (Frances Mary); a sister, Helen Diane "Hamm" Hargett (Steve); along with a niece and six nephews.

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## TAMMIE ALICIA PARKER

Ms. Tammie Alicia Parker, age 52, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Randy

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Ann; his daughter, Monica Elaine Hamm; stepson, Matthew G. Kyle (Anne); two grandchildren, Gabriel and Isabella; a brother, Compton Wayne Cooper (Frances Mary); a sister, Helen Diane "Hamm" Hargett (Steve); along with a niece and six nephews.

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## HARRY O'NEAL GRAHAM

Mr. Harry O'Neal "Neal" Graham, age 82, of Opp, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala., following an accident at his home.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Scott Donaldson officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife of 62 years: Jeannette Graham, Opp; son: Keith Graham, Brantley, Ala.; daughters: Angie Mancil, and Pennie (Jarrod) Hollinghead, both of Opp; grandsons: Zach (Vicky) Kendrick, Opp, Al., and Chase (Whitney) Graham, Elba; granddaughters: Miranda Danley, Opp, and Kelsey (Jerald) Marler, Brantley; along with 11 great-grandchildren.

## KATIE LEIGH SINGLETTON

Ms. Katie Leigh Singleton, age 26, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at home surrounded by her family.

Katie was a beautiful and smart young woman. She was blessed with a heart that was so loving and easy for her to do. She cherished her family, most of all her Momma and Daddy. Her Momma was her cheerleader and took care of her tirelessly. Katie was her Daddy's little girl. He would always have things to keep her smiling and going all the time.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at 11 a.m., from Wise Mill Assembly of God Church with Reverend Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Sandfield Cemetery.

Katie was preceded in death by her Paw Paw, Leon Singleton, and her uncle, Kevin Singleton.

Survivors include her parents: Kenneth LeWayne and Tracy Lane Singleton; two sisters: Kimberly Singleton (Corey Hart) and Brooke (Joshua Morris); one brother: Trent L. Singleton; grandparents: Judy Singleton, James and Puni Simmons, and Diane and John Wilbert; and her nephews: Liam and Grantley; and nieces: Makeneddy and Treasure.

## JOYCE HELEN POWELL

Mrs. Joyce Helen Powell, age 87, of Brantley, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Baptist Hospital in South in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, from Friendship Baptist Church (Bullock community) with Rev. David Copland officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Powell was preceded in death by her parents, Mark and Annie Pearl Golden Tate. Survivors include her

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Market Road and continuing

in an Easterly direction

from the intersection of

said Right of Way line with

the Section line between

Section 22 and Section 23,

Township 1 North, Range

23 East and ending at the

West Right of Way of

Millville Road located in the

following Geneva County,

Alabama, Parcel Numbers:

34-17-08-27-0-000-001,000,

34-17-05-22-0-000-005,000,

34-17-05-22-0-000-006,000,

and 34-17-06-23-0-000,

004,000.

INCLUDING a security

interest in one (1) 2022

Timbercreek manufactured

home, Serial No. TCHAL0100013A2

and Serial No. TCHAL0100013B22;

## LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: PR-2024-156

This is legal notice that the Geneva County Commission will hold a public hearing to address and consider the proposed vacation of said Public Street/Highway at its regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Geneva County Commission Court Room, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection to the Geneva County Commission by hand delivering it to the Geneva County Commission Office, Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340 or by mailing it to Geneva County Commission, P.O. Box 430, Geneva, AL 36340, or may request an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing set forth above. /s/ Mika A. Munger MIKA A. MUNGER Personal Representative of said Estate 10/10/24 &amp; 24-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: PR-2024-178

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2023-236 (SB295), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Geneva County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in Geneva County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

A M E N D M E N T  
PROPOSED BY ACT NO.  
2023-236

In Geneva County, mayors of municipalities that participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama may participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama upon the same terms and conditions as may be specified by law for any other employee in the same retirement system. A mayor holding office at the time of the ratification of this amendment shall be eligible to purchase service credit in the Employees' Retirement System for the time the official has served in the current office. No individual may participate in both a superannuity program and the Employees' Retirement System based on the same service.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Geneva County, Alabama.

10/10/24&amp;31-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-301 (HB302), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

A M E N D M E N T  
PROPOSED BY ACT NO.  
2024-301

(a) All sixteenth section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County School System, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System is vested in the Franklin County Board of Education. The board may manage, sell, lease, and control the land and any timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land.

(b) Any proceeds generated from the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural

resource of the land, or from the lease or sale of the land or its natural resources, shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education and deposited into the Franklin County Board of Education General Fund.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersedes any other provision of this constitution that may be construed as conflicting with this amendment as it relates to the land and the rights, power, and control thereof and to the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land and timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, and any proceeds and interest earned therefrom.

(d) Upon ratification of this amendment, all proceeds realized from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land or the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land occurring before ratification of this amendment, and held in trust by the State of Alabama, shall continue to be held in trust, and any proceeds and interest derived from those transactions shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF COFFEE  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CASE NO. PC 2024-050IN RE: THE ESTATE  
OF SAMUEL DAVID  
BLUDSWORTH, DECEASED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Debra Carnley, Administrator on the 8th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Debra Carnley  
Administrator  
4630 County Road 460  
Samson, Alabama 36477

Benjamin S. Armstrong  
Attorney for Administrator  
Atty at Law  
200 Grove Park, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
10/17/24&31-pd.

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT FOR COFFEE  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO. PC 2023-085IN RE: THESE ESTATE  
OF DERALD S.  
GULLEDGE, DECEASED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Hon. Amy Marshall, Personal Representative, on the 1st day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate  
10/17/24&31-pd.

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF GENEVA  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CASE NO.: 24-802IN RE: THE ESTATE  
OF SANDRA JEAN  
THOMPSON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF  
APPOINTMENT TO BE  
PUBLISHED  
BY PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Rebecca Monaghan, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of Oct., 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by

given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Judge of Probate  
Alfred J. Danner  
Attorney for Petitioner  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
10/17/24&31-pd.

M O R T G A G E  
F O R C L O S U R E  
S A L E

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated

August 31, 2018 executed

by Travis A. Smith, in

favor of Wells Fargo Bank,

N.A., said Mortgage being

recorded September 7, 2018,

in Book 1002, Page 151, in

the Office of the Judge of

Probate of Geneva County,

Alabama; having later been

assigned to NewRez LLC

d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing by instrument

recorded in Book 1220,

Page 74, in the Office of

the Judge of Probate of Geneva

County, Alabama. Said

default continues and notice

is hereby given that the

undersigned, NewRez LLC

d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing, under and by

virtue of the power of sale

contained in said mortgage,

will sell at public outcry to

the highest bidder for cash

at the main entrance to the

County Courthouse, Geneva

County, Alabama on

12/10/2024, during the legal

hours of sale, the following

described real estate situated

in Geneva County, Alabama,

to-wit:

A 5.14 +/- acre parcel of

land being a part of the SE

1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section

25, TIN, R19E, Geneva

County, Alabama and being

more particularly described

as follows: beginning at a

concrete marker on the SW

corner of said SE 1/4 of

the NE 1/4, thence North

1179.96 feet along the

locally accepted West line of

said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4

to an iron pipe on the South

line of Geneva County

Alford Road, thence S 42

deg. 06'54" E 313.05 feet

(chord), along the South

line of said road to an iron

pipe. Thence South 952.75

feet, to an iron pipe. On the

locally accepted South line of

said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4.

Thence N 88 deg 37'53" W

210.00 feet along said South

line of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4

to the point of beginning.

The above described

property includes a 2000

Chandell Model Number

3201 manufactured home,

comprised of two sections,

and bearing serial numbers

CH3AL05035A and

CH3AL05035B which

manufactured home titles

have been cancelled.

For informational purposes

only, the property address

is: 3397 Alford Rd, Samson,

AL 36477. Any property

address provided is not part

of the legal description of

the property sold herein

and in the event of any

discrepancy, the legal

description referenced

herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY

WILL BE SOLD ON

AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS"

BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES,

AND EXCEPTIONS

REFLECTED IN THE

MORTGAGE AND THOSE

CONTAINED IN THE

RECORDS OF THE

JUDGE OF PROBATE OF

THE COUNTY WHERE THE

ABOVE-DESCRIBED

PROPERTY IS SITUATED.

THIS PROPERTY WILL

BE SOLD WITHOUT

WARRANTY OR

RECOURSE, EXPRESS

OR IMPLIED AS TO

TITLE, USE AND/OR

ENJOYMENT AND WILL

BE SOLD SUBJECT

TO THE RIGHT OF

REDEMPTION OF ALL

PARTIES ENTITLED

THERETO.

Alabama law gives some

persons who have an interest

in property the right to

redeem the property under

certain circumstances.

Programs may also exist that

help persons avoid or delay

the foreclosure process. An

## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our youngest grandson Cannon** has become a Carroll Eagle football fan this season, and while the Eagles have struggled on the field, the game last week was his favorite as a helicopter landed at the stadium as part of 'Military Appreciation Week' and he got a close up look at the chopper. The score? He could care less!

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers kept alive their hopes** of a region title last week with an impressive 49-22 win over the Georgiana Panthers in a battle of teams tied atop the region standings. The Tigers scored on all seven offensive possessions and averaged almost 12 yards per carry on 34 running plays to wear down the Georgiana defense, while on defense the Tigers allowed only 18 yards passing and limited the high-powered Panthers to just over 200 yards in total offense.

**On offense**, the Tigers went into the game averaging over 53 points per game to lead the state and did little to change that stat as they scored every time they got their hands on the ball and had two scoring drives over fifty yards, two more that covered over sixty yards and a 94-yard run for a score. Elba showed a few different formations in the win, but again relied on its running attack to do the damage and in the second half it looked like Georgiana was content to just run the ball, keep the clock running and to get back on the bus.

**On defense**, the Tigers did allow over 200 yards on the ground, but made big plays to keep the Panthers from ever getting comfortable and for the third straight week turned in a winning effort. At the midway point in the season the Elba defense was ranked last in Class 1A and was giving up over 46 points per game. However, in the last three weeks the Tigers have allowed a total of just 36 points and all of the sudden it looks like the defense has developed a personality and has become a force to reckon with.

The Tigers are now on a roll with six straight wins, and with a very dangerous region opponent coming to town this week and the playoffs just around the corner, they are going to have to keep working hard every day to be the best they can be and become the team everyone in the state

## With homefield advantage on the line

## Tigers brace for high-flying Florala

The Elba Tigers will be looking to close out the regular season with a bang and move into post-season play on a roll Friday night when they host the Florala Wildcats, in a key region clash at Tiger Stadium,

that will decide whether the Tigers will open post-season play at home, or on the road.

Elba owns an 18-14-4 series edge over Florala, won last season 56-28 and has claimed four wins in

was expecting to see when the season kicked off back in August.

\*\*\* **It was a so-so week for the teams in the area** as both Kinston and Zion Chapel claimed big wins, while New Brockton and Brantley both lost heartbreakers that ended their post-season plans. \* Kinston snapped a two-game scoreless streak with a big 48-20 win over Pleasant Home that pumped life back into the Bulldogs in a game in which a number of younger players got to get valuable experience due to injuries and tasted the thrills of victory. \* Zion Chapel did what it had to do to get past Calhoun in a 35-0 region road win that should provide a spark the Rebels can use as they try to post the team's best record in a long time. \* New Brockton saw what could have been a big region road win snatched away in the closing minutes due to a blocked punt in a 36-33 loss to Straughn and left the Gamecocks wondering about what could have been in a year filled with emotion. \* Brantley was outscored by McKenzie 52-44 in a key region clash and will now be sitting at home when the playoffs begin for the first time in 28 years, in a season that saw the Bulldogs reach highs and lows.

\*\*\* **It was another fun week of high school football** all across the state and for once the teams ranked in the 'Top 10' actually enjoyed a winning week, at least for the most part. Here is a quick look back at the week that was.... \* Class 1A – The top teams in the 1A ranks went 9-0 for the week, highlighted by Elba's 49-22 win over Georgiana and McKenzie's wild 52-44 win over Brantley.

In other action of local interest, Florala flattened Red Level 51-0, Milly mashed Southern Choctaw, Sweet Water drenched Marengo 41-0 and Leroy lapped Fruitdale 38-13. \* Class 2A – The top teams in 2A posted an 8-1 slate, with the only upset being Tuscaloosa Academy's 46-44 loss to Sulligent. In games that carried local interest Cottonwood clobbered Abbeville 62-12, Highland Home hammered Pike Lib 41-0, Ariton attacked Samson 34-0, Houston County calmed down Geneva County 44-30 and Luverne lowered the boom on Barbour County 21-0. \* Class 3A – The top teams in the 3A ranks went 9-0, led by unbeaten Glenwood's big 41-14 win over Lee-Scott in a battle of former private school powers. In games that had some local interest, Wicksburg was whipped by Trinity 40-0, Slocomb was slaughtered by Alabama Christian 71-38 and Northside Methodist was manhandled by Houston Academy 57-7. \* Class 4A – The top teams in 4A circles went 7-3, with Bibb County being bumped by Fairfield 30-28, Opp getting outscored by Ashford 42-16 and Alexandria being annihilated by Cherokee County 35-7. Closer to home, Daleville dumped Geneva 21-14 in a clash of winless teams and Straughn strapped New Brockton 36-33 with a late score to keep its playoff hopes alive.

\* **Class 5A** - Two of the top teams in the 5A ranks lost last week as number two Guntersville was bopped by Boaz 42-35 and eighth-ranked Williamson was walloped by Vigor 19-2. Closer to home, Andalusia coasted past Carroll 45-14, Charles Henderson hammered Headland 48-14 and Greenville never had a prayer in a 50-14 loss to Montgomery Catholic. \* **Class 6A** – The top teams in the 6A ranks posted an 8-2 slate, with Clay-Chalkville being chomped by Oxford 21-10 and Homewood being hammered by Parker 27-17. In games with some local interest, Rehobeth was routed by Stanhope Elmore 47-21 and Pike Road pummeled Russell County 46-14. \* **Class 7A** – The big boys in 7A struggled a little as the top teams managed only a 6-4 slate, with Central of Phenix City getting caught by Opelika 23-14, Thompson getting topped by Hoover 27-26, Carver getting clubbed by Auburn 29-14 and Baker getting bumped by Mary Montgomery 34-31.

Closer to home, Enterprise took a giant step toward the playoffs with an easy 42-0 jog past JAG, and Dothan dominated Smiths Station 48-0.

\*\*\* **It was another winless week** for many college football fans in this part of the state as Alabama lost to Tennessee 24-17, Auburn lost to Missouri 21-17 and Troy lost to South Alabama 25-9. As an Alabama fan for life I can only imagine how bad it would be if the Tide didn't have one of the top rosters in the nation, because it is now very evident that the team has one of the weakest coaching staffs in the conference, if not the nation! As for the Tigers, is it possible they simply don't know how to win, or is it at times their coaches coach not to lose instead of coaching to win? And, is it hard to find a place to start for the Trojans as they lost yet again and at least on offense seem to be going backwards. Wow, isn't life in the NIL age great!

\*\*\* **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** emailed his picks this week, but did include a short message that basketball season will come a lot earlier than usual for most of the teams in the area this year since Kinston, Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Brantley will all hang up their pads in the next two weeks and tie up their sneakers. The local guesspict hit on 32 of his 37 picks last week to keep a solid season underway and left his fearless forecast....

**ELBA VS. FLORALA**  
The Pea River felines will be back in the yard this week and will have to get ready for a litter of kitties from down near the state line that have been lighting up the scoreboard all season long. If the felines show up ready to play they can make a reservation for Mack Wood Field for the first round of the playoffs. If not, it could be time to buy a map. **ELBA 46 FLORALA 36**

## KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

These two packs of 'dogs will get together this weekend looking to soothe their wounds after a disappointing season, and while only one pack will get to enjoy a big meal after the battle, both will get to take a sneak peek ahead to roundball and possible payback for what happened. This one looks easy to pick.... **BRANTLEY 47 KINSTON 12**

## ZION CHAPEL VS. BARBOUR COUNTY

The troops from up at Fort Jack will head outside the walls to do a little hunting over the weekend and will be looking to bag a few furs for the coming cold months ahead. While this is a region clash, it may be more like shooting fish in a barrel for the troops. **ZION CHAPEL 42 BARBOUR COUNTY 0**

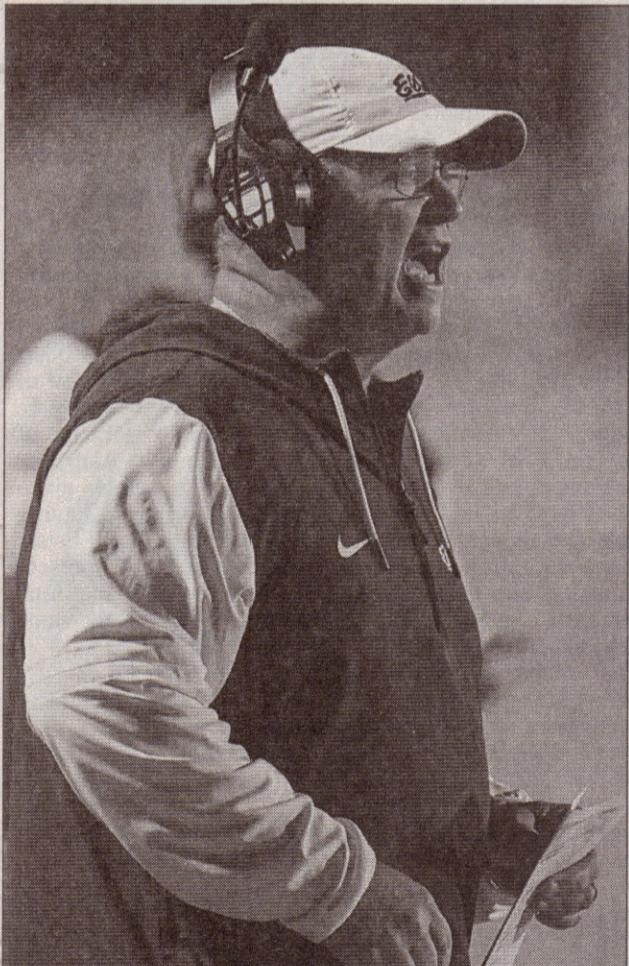
## NEW BROCKTON VS. PIKE COUNTY

The roosters from over by the bypass will be back at the coop this week and will be looking to chase away a litter of bulldogs that have been known to cause problems whenever they get out of the pen. There may be some crowing to hear as the game goes along, but the guess here is that the bulldogs leave town with a win. **PIKE COUNTY 36 NEW BROCKTON 35**

## OTHER PICKS:

Highland Home 50 Calhoun 0  
Opelika 24 Carver 14  
Marengo 22 J.F. Shields 18  
Leroy 22 Milly 20  
Sweet Water 42 Southern Choctaw 12  
Georgiana 55 Pleasant Home 0  
McKenzie 62 Red Level 0  
Abbeville 38 Samson 18  
Ariton 40 Geneva County 32  
Cottonwood 56 G.W. Long 3  
Providencia Ch. 31 Houston County 21  
Goshen 40 Luverne 14  
Reeltown 48 Coosa Central 6  
Pike Lib 21 Loachapoka 20  
Hillcrest 51 Monroe County 8  
Houston Academy 35 Trinity 28  
Wicksburg 41 Northside Methodist 6  
Prattville Christian 38 Slocomb 28  
Jackson 35 Satsuma 3  
Ashford 42 Daleville 7  
Dale County 27 Geneva 7  
Straughn 28 Opp 21  
UMS-Wright 17 Faith 10  
Montgomery Catholic 38 Andalusia 17  
Carroll 28 Headland 20  
Charles Henderson 34 Eufaula 21  
Russell County 41 Rehobeth 14  
Auburn 35 Dothan 17  
Enterprise 49 Smiths Station 0  
Thompson 45 Prattville 10  
Central PC 59 JAG 0

**Bob Bush, DVM**  
Veterinary Express of Lake Martin  
Small Animal Medicine & Surgery  
334-343-0408  
Intersection of Claxton Ave & Simmons St  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Upcoming Elba Clinics: Nov. 6 & Nov. 20



Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving shouts instructions from the sidelines.

Become an  
**ADULT  
FOSTER  
CARE  
Provider**

*"Love Never Ages"*

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
**HUMAN  
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dhr.alabama.gov/AFC

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Housing Authority

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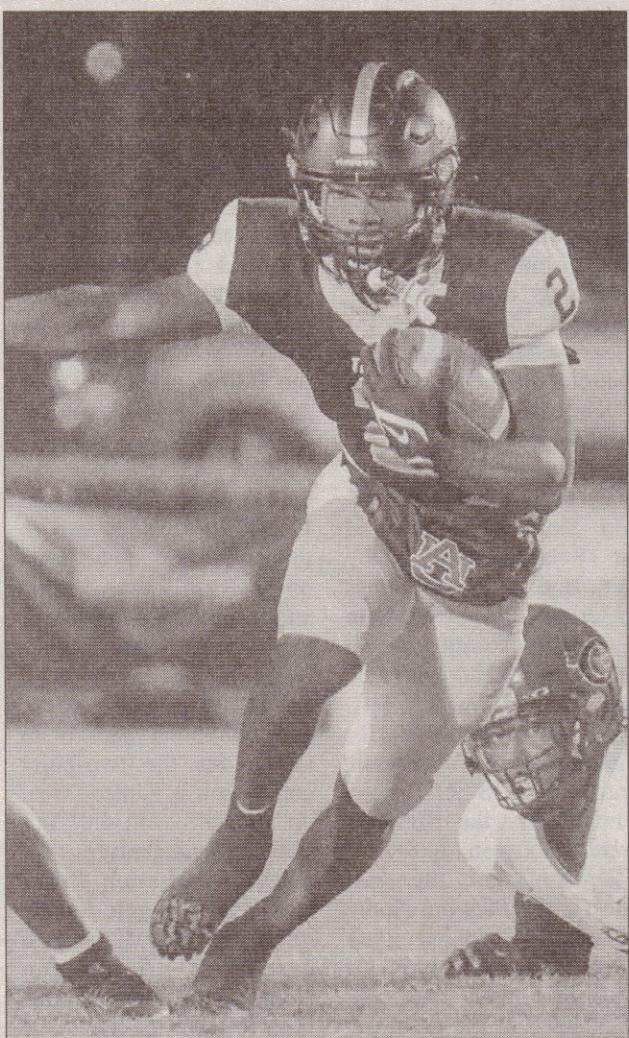
The Elba Housing Authority does not discriminate because of race, color, national origin, sex, perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, familial status, or disability. The Elba Housing Authority has handicapped accessible units.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

## SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger cheerleader Hillary Hudson had plenty to cheer about last week in the Tigers big 49-22 region win over Georgiana.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) leaves a Georgiana defender watching from the ground on a big run in last week's region win.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) steps over a Georgiana defender as he heads downfield on a 40-yard touchdown run.

## Elba pounds Panthers 49-22

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by, BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on all seven offensive possessions in an impressive 49-22 region win over the Georgiana Panthers, Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the opening kickoff and set the tone for the game as the Tigers drove 63 yards in eight plays to grab an early lead. Cayden Adkins rushed for 19 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson rushed for 41 yards on four carries and

the 12-yardline, cut across the field to the sidelines and raced 88 yards for a Panther score. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 8:01 remaining in the quarter the Elba lead had been cut to 7-6.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 43-yardline and this time it took the Tigers six plays to get back into the endzone. Cayden Adkins and Jacob Ledbetter combined for 26 yards on the ground on the scoring drive, while Alvin Henderson rushed for 16 yards on three carries and capped the drive with a two-point conversion as Elba pushed its lead to 22-6 with 5:47 left in the second quarter.

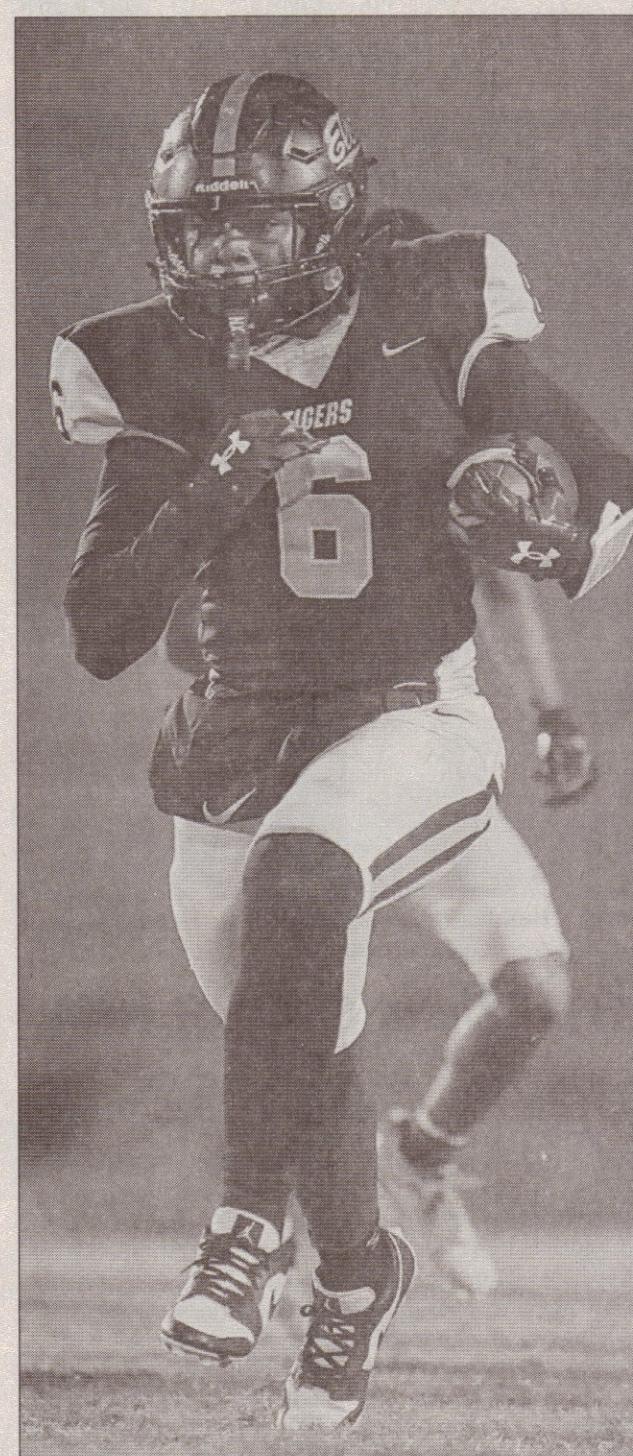
Elba found itself backed up at its own six-yardline late in the half after a Georgiana punt and a penalty on first down, but this time it took only one play to find its way back into the endzone as Alvin Henderson took a snap, sprinted to his right and raced down the sidelines 94 yards for his fourth td of the half. A two-point run failed to add points, but with 1:33 left on the clock Elba was on top 28-6.

Georgiana was forced to punt on its initial possession of the second half, but the Tigers simply picked up where they had left off as after a 35-yard punt return by Alvin Henderson Elba needed five plays to add to their advantage. The score came on a 10-yard run by Jacob Ledbetter, and Trai Davis added the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 35-6 with 7:10 remaining in the third quarter.

Georgiana turned to its running attack following the Elba score and marched 72 yards in eight plays to stay alive. Jacobie Morgan rushed for 45 yards on three carries to lead the Panthers down the field, while Frederick Curry capped the drive with a 2-yard scoring scamper. Curry also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 2:35 left in the quarter Elba's lead stood at 35-14.

Elba continued its offensive domination on its next series as after a 40-yard kickoff return by Alvin Henderson the Tigers went 40 yards in three plays to add to their lead. Cayden Adkins scored the Tiger touchdown on a twisting 40-yard run, and Davis added the extra-point as Elba upped its lead to 42-14 with 43-seconds left in the third quarter.

Georgiana continued to pound the ball straight ahead against the Elba defense on its ensuing possession and this time went 65 yards in ten plays to reach the endzone. Curry capped



Elba Tiger Jacob Watkins (6) is off and running on a 30-yard scamper in last week's 49-22 region romp past Georgiana.

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Elba Tiger fan Faye Kyle prepares to fire the cannon after an Elba Tiger touchdown from her spot atop Mack Wood Field in last week's 49-22 region win over Georgiana.

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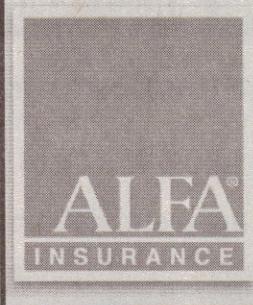
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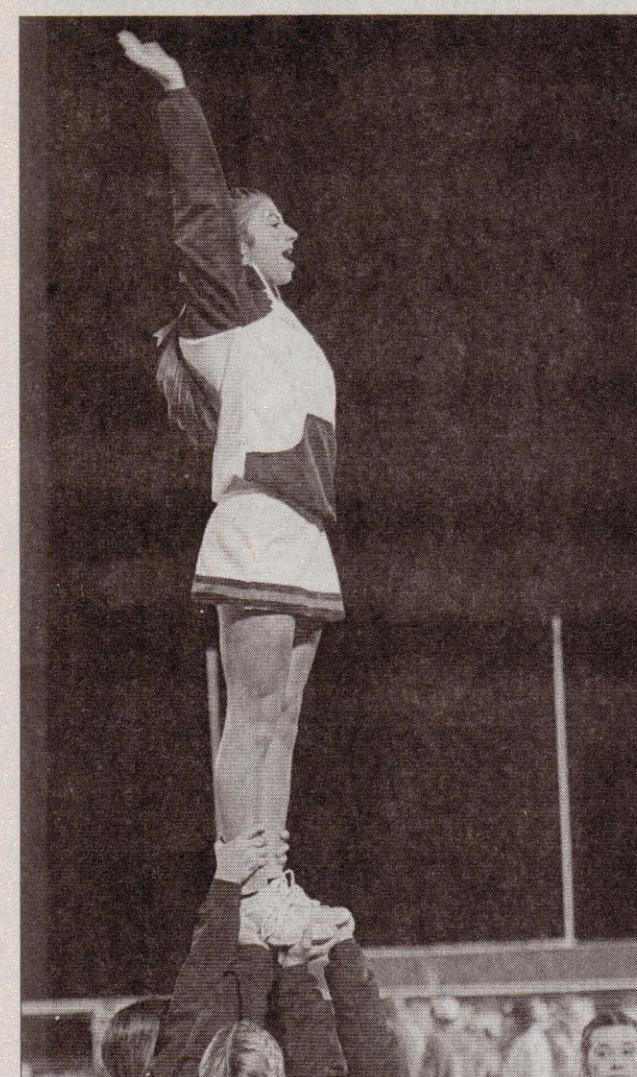


Trai Davis is the ALFA Insurance Ralston Moore Agency Week Nine 'Player of the Week' for the Elba Tigers!

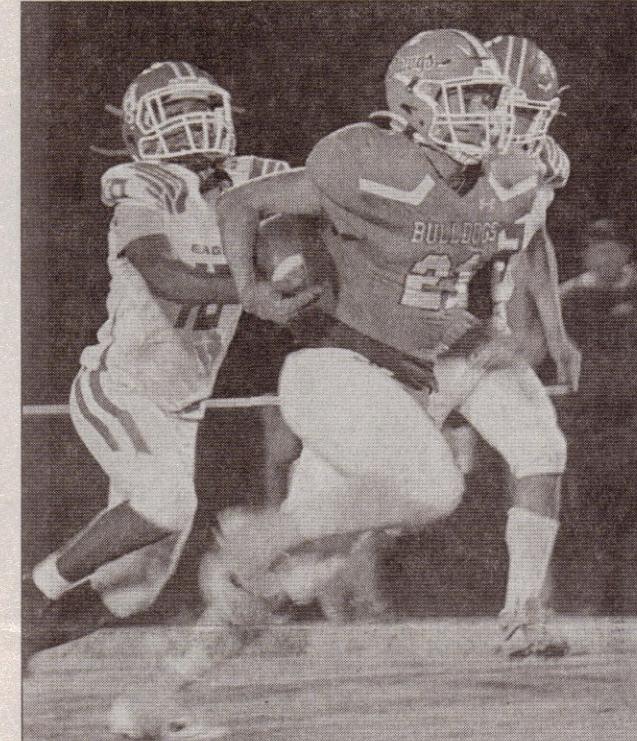


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Kinston Bulldog cheerleader and the Bulldogs were all soaring high last week in Kinston's 48-20 region win over Pleasant Home.



Kinston Bulldog Colby Tew (21) pulls away from the Pleasant Home defense as he eyes the endzone on a long scoring run.

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## Kinston Bulldogs feast on Eagles 48-20

Statistics by W.J. Adcock  
Photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs took command early and never looked back last Thursday night in a big 48-20 region win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, at Bulldog Stadium.

Kinston received the opening kick and promptly marched 66 yards in 12 plays to grab an early lead. Jon Simmons completed an 18-yard pass to Colby Tew and a 24-yard pass to Judd Green to help spark the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Tew. Simmons passed to Tew for the two-point conversion, and with 5:33 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs lead grew to 14-0 with 41-seconds remaining in the quarter.

Kinston got the ball back at the Pleasant Home 43-yardline on a pass interception by Whitt Floyd and eight plays later was right back in the endzone. A 27-yard run by Colby Tew was a key play in the drive, while the score came on a 7-yard run by Jon Simmons as the Bulldogs lead grew to 14-0 with 41-seconds remaining in the quarter.

Pleasant Home showed signs of life on its ensuing possession and got on the scoreboard on a 42-yard run by Jacob Bryan, and after Devonte Purifoy ran in a two-point conversion, the Eagles were within 14-8 with 10:28 left in the quarter.

Pleasant Home

put together its best offensive series of the night on its

ensuing possession and drove 76 yards in 18 plays to

get back on the scoreboard. Devonte Purifoy rushed for

23 yards on seven carries and completed one pass

### Prep Grid Preview

The high school football season will continue this week with all four area teams looking to add region wins to their season resume.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

#### Kinston at Brantley

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to close out regular season play with a bang Friday night when they head to Brantley to tangle with the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley owns a 34-4 series edge over Kinston and won last season 30-27, while the last Kinston win came back in 1991.

Kinston will enter the game fresh off a big 48-20 win over Pleasant Home, while Brantley will bring a disappointing 4-4 record into the clash after a 52-44 loss to McKenzie that knocked the Bulldogs out of playoff contention for the first time in 28 years.

#### Barbour County at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be back at home Friday night when they host the Barbour County Jaguars.

Barbour County won the only previous meeting between the new region rivals 22-10 in the playoffs back in 2011.

The Rebels evened their record at 4-4 last week with a solid 35-0 road win over Calhoun, while the Jaguars slipped to 0-7 with a 21-0 loss to Luverne.

#### Pike County at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home Friday night when they host the Pike County Bulldogs, in an important region clash.

Pike County holds a 2-0 series edge over New Brockton and last season posted a 35-21 win.

The Gamecocks will carry a 3-6 record into their season finale after a 36-33 road loss to Straughn, while the Bulldogs will enter the game with a 3-5 record and will be coming off a 43-34 loss to Dale County.

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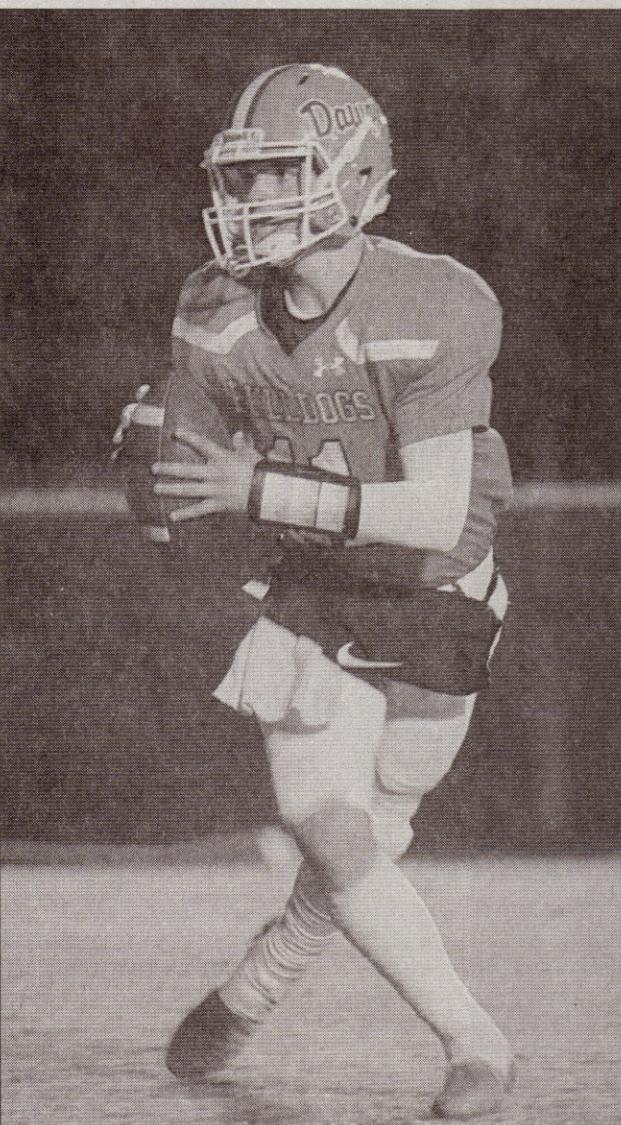
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Kinston Bulldog Jon Simmons (11) looks downfield for an open receiver in last week's 48-20 region romp over Pleasant Home.

for 14-yards to spark the Eagle offense, and it was Purifoy that capped the long scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown toss from Jon Simmons to Judd Green with 1:15 remaining in the quarter.

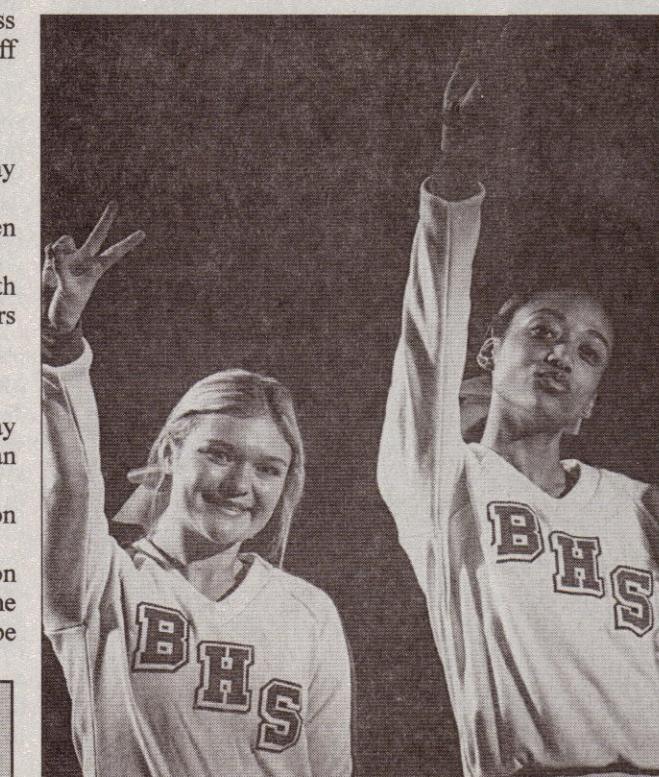
Kinston's Judd Green recovered an Eagle fumble at the Pleasant Home's 37-yardline early in the fourth quarter to set the Bulldogs up with a short field, and Kinston cashed in the turnover when Colby Tew scored on a 24-yard run.

The extra-point try again failed, but with 10:09 left on the clock Kinston was on top 42-14.

Pleasant Home capped a 66-yard scoring march with a 1-yard run by Bubba Helms on its ensuing possession to pull within 42-20. However, Kinston also added another score on a 50-yard touchdown toss from Jon Simmons to Judd Green with 1:15 remaining in the quarter.

Colby Tew rushed for 156 yards and 4 touchdowns to spark Kinston's offensive explosion, while Jon Simmons added 36 yards and two touchdowns rushing on six carries and also completed 4 of 6 passes for 99 yards and one TD toss, and Judd Green had

two catches for 74 yards and one TD.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders predict a Bulldog victory prior to a recent region contest.

## Brantley drops key region clash 52-44

From combined reports

The Brantley Bulldogs and McKenzie Tigers met in a crucial region match-up Friday night at McKenzie and after swapping punches for four quarters it was the Tigers that were still standing at the final horn within 52-44.

McKenzie upped its lead to 32-22 early in the third quarter to stretch its advantage, only to see the Bulldogs rally once again and score the game's next two touchdowns to go ahead 36-32 late in the quarter.

The win upped McKenzie's region record to 6-1 with one game left and set the Tigers up as the favorites to claim the region title, while the loss dropped Brantley's region record to 3-3 and puts their 27-year playoff appearance streak in doubt.

McKenzie jumped out to a 16-6 first quarter lead and answered every Brantley rally as the teams scored on almost every offensive

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BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS - 1A AREA 2 CHAMPIONS



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - 1A AREA 3 CHAMPIONS

### Trio of volleyball teams head to Montgomery for Super

The South 'Super Regional' high school volleyball tournament is underway this week at the Multiplex, in Montgomery, with the Elba Lady Tigers joining Kinston and Brantley in the Class 1A tournament.

The 1A tournament is set to tip off today (Thursday) with a total of 12 games on tap, and the four teams that survive the daylong competition will earn a berth in next week's 'Elite Eight' state tournament, in Birmingham.

Elba (10-6) will begin play at 9:45 a.m. against Billingsley (15-1), and while the Lady Tigers will be looking to make it back to Birmingham for the second straight year, they are in a bracket that is loaded with some of the top volleyball teams in the state and will have to play their best to keep their state title hopes alive. If Elba wins its opener, it will advance to a 4:00 p.m. match-up against the winner of the clash between University Charter School (15-2) and Choctaw County (8-12).

The Lady Tigers roster includes Ja'Haira Walker, Taylor Day, McKenzie Foster, Shannon Hooks, Sydney Siler, Aubrey Wiscup, Keefie Moseley, Miciah Smith, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, A'Lyric Whitfield, Mary Kelley, Alayvia Stinson and Malaysia Williams.

Kinston (15-6) will take the court at 11:00 a.m. against (5-7) Verbena and after missing out on a trip to Birmingham last season is determined to make it back and battle for a state title. If the Lady Bulldogs are victorious in their opening match, they will advance to a 4:00 p.m. clash with the winner of the match-up between Fayetteville (14-6) and Leroy (5-10).

The Lady Bulldogs roster includes Isabella Lashley, Lyla Bruce, Tori Petrus, Brynne Kelley, Chloe Phillips, Taylor McKinney, Lillian Sunblin, Makynlea Cain, Sage Beck, Gracie Rhoades, Rylie Rhoades, Ally Williamson and Madison Williamson.

Brantley (17-3) will take the court at 4:00 p.m. for a match against Maplesville (8-8), and the Lady Bulldogs are determined

to advance to Birmingham this season after falling one win short a year ago. If Brantley wins its opener, it will advance to a 4:00 p.m. match-up against the winner of the clash between R.C. Hatch (10-7) and Sweet Water (8-5).

The Lady Bulldogs roster includes Emma Crawley, Savannah Nichols, Manning Fox, Marley Kilcrease, Alex Grimes, Elizabeth Knighten, Avery Brunson, Sadie Battle, Camdyn Legg, Karley Bryan and Annabell Bryan.

#### CLASS 1A SOUTH SUPER REGION BRACKET

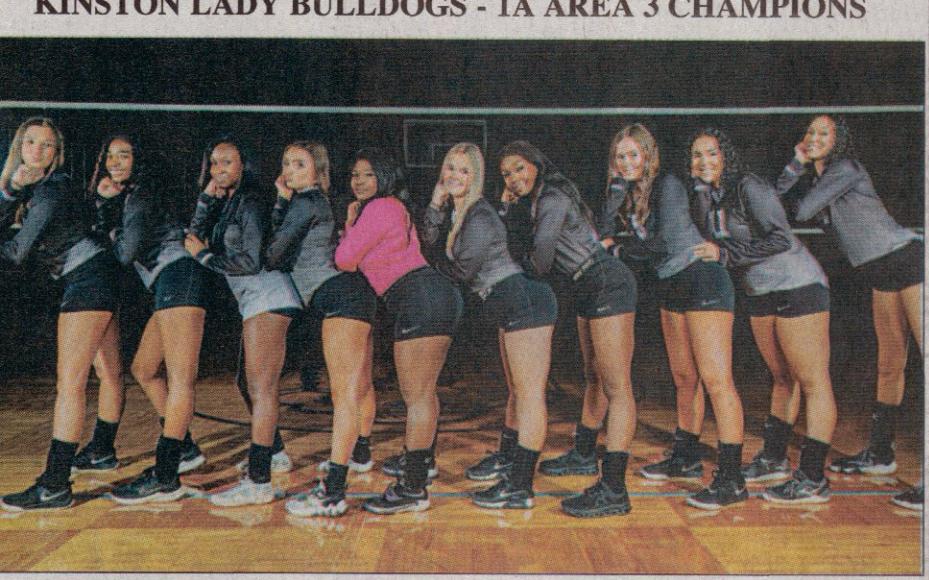
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##### First Round Match-Ups:

- 9:45 - (Game 1) Millry (13-6) vs. Winterboro (19-7)
- 9:45 - (Game 2) Autauga Academy (11-3) vs. Pleasant Home (5-12)
- 9:45 - (Game 3) University Charter (15-2) vs. Choctaw County (8-12)
- 9:45 - (Game 4) Billingsley (15-1) vs. Elba (10-6)
- 11:00 - (Game 5) Brantley (17-3) vs. Maplesville (8-8)
- 11:00 - (Game 6) Sweet Water (8-5) vs. R.C. Hatch (10-7)
- 11:00 - (Game 7) Kinston (15-6) vs. Verbena (5-7)
- 11:00 - (Game 8) Fayetteville (14-6) vs. Leroy (5-10)

Second Round:

- 4:00 - (Game 9) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
- 4:00 - (Game 10) Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner
- 4:00 - (Game 11) Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner
- 4:00 - (Game 12) Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner
- 9:30 - (Game 13) Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner
- 9:30 - (Game 14) Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner
- 12:30 - (Game 15) Loser's Bracket Finals
- 12:30 - (Game 16) Winner's Bracket Finals



ELBA LADY TIGERS - 1A AREA 2 RUNNERS UP

### New Brockton loses late 36-33

Statistics by Brandon White

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Straughn Tigers battled for four quarters Friday night in a Class 4A barnburner and when the clock finally reached :00 it was the hometown Tigers that emerged with the exciting 36-33 region win.

Straughn scored on its initial possession when the Tigers capped a 76-yard drive with an 8-yard run by Cameron Adams, and after Brenden Bartholomew kicked the extra-point, Straughn was on top 7-0 with 10:15 still left in the first quarter.

New Brockton fumbled on its first series and then saw a faked punt fail to pick up needed yards on its second series, and Straughn took advantage of the failed fake punt attempt to quickly add to its lead as Adams scored on a 24-yard run and Bartholomew added the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 14-0 with 4:39 remaining in the quarter.

New Brockton came roaring back after the second Tiger touchdown and cut the lead in half at 14-7 with 4:06 remaining in the quarter when Anthony Silar broke loose and raced 66 yards for a score, and Cayden Avalos kicked the extra-point, while the Gamecocks regained possession at the Straughn 39-yardline on a Tiger turnover and cashed in the short field when Silar scored on a 3-yard run to pull within 14-13 with 10:44 left in the second quarter.

Straughn headed back



New Brockton Gamecocks take the field for a big region encounter in recent football action.

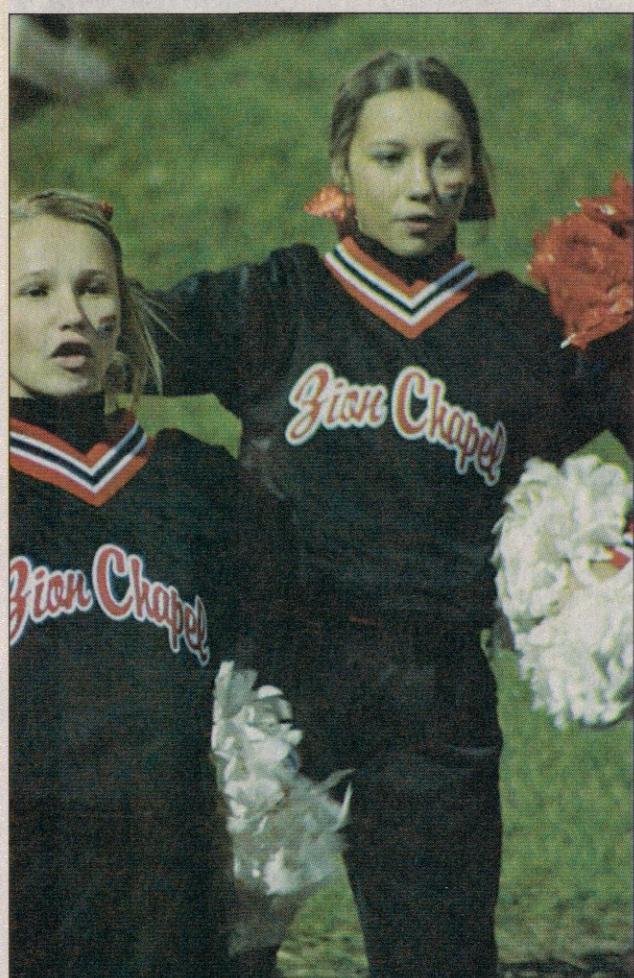
downfield on its ensuing possession and thought it had crossed the goal line for a score. However, New Brockton's Dawson Peacock alertly scooped up what was ruled a Tiger fumble and raced 99 yards for a Gamecock touchdown, and after Avalos booted the extra-point, New Brockton had erased a two-touchdown deficit and owned a 20-14 lead with 6:21 left in the half.

Straughn scored with 1:18 left in the half on a 21-yard run by Charlie Jordan and Bartholomew again added the extra-point as the Tigers carried a 21-20 advantage in at intermission.

New Brockton went back on top on the second play of the second half when Anthony Silar broke loose again and this rammed 82 yards for a touchdown, and Avalos again added the extra-point as the Gamecocks regained the lead 27-21.

Straughn answered the Gamecock score and moved back ahead 28-27 with 5:07 remaining in the third quarter on a 9-yard run by Mack McIntyre and the extra-point by Bartholomew, and while New Brockton failed to score on its ensuing possession, the Gamecocks regained possession on a Tiger fumble and cashed in the turnover on a 5-yard run by Jacob Fisher. A

### Rebels start streak with big 35-0 win



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders had an easy time keeping the fans fired up last week in the Rebels 35-0 region road win over Calhoun.

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#### Only Human

Dr. Laura Schlessinger is the host of a popular talk radio program. She is frequently asked what question she most often receives from her radio audience. She answers, "The caller usually wants to know this: 'Now that I've done all these things I shouldn't have done, how can I avoid the consequences I knew about, but denied and just hoped wouldn't happen?'" Dr. Schlessinger confesses that her pet peeve is the frequent protest that one is "only human." "Only human?" she asks. "As if one's humanness were a blueprint for instinctive, reflective reactions to situations, like the rest of the animal kingdom. I see being "human" as the unique opportunity to use our minds and wills to act in ways that elevate us above the animal kingdom. Schlessinger then underscores her point with an illustration from the classic film "The African Queen." Charlie, who is played by Humphrey Bogard, invokes the "only human" excuse to explain his drunkenness

the evening before. Rosie, the missionary played by Katherine Hepburn, looks up from her Bible and sharply replies, "We were put on earth to rise above our nature."

Nothing says repentance better than change. When we truly repent, we rise above our nature and begin to live as our Creator meant for us to live. -L.D.C.

#### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 10/24/24

Q: From what city did Paul send for the elders of the Ephesian church? (Macedonia, Miletus, Troas)

A: Miletus [Acts 20:17]

Q: Paul told the elders that he was going to? (Damascus, Jerusalem or Antioch)

A: Jerusalem [Acts 20:22]

Q: How long had Paul labored in Ephesus? (3 years, 1 year, or 5 years)

A: 3 years [Acts 20:31]

**Thought to Remember**  
The fear of God should mobilize not paralyze

**Questions for the Week of 10/31/24**

Q: Rehoboam asked for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ before he responded to the people's request.

Q: Rehoboam first consulted the older men who served with his father \_\_\_\_\_.

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